GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Dept. - Allegations of negligence in preparation of DPR for the work, "providing BT to the road from Kinchumanda Road to Pynampadu of Ananthagiri Mandal of Visakhapatnam District" – Disciplinary proceedings initiated against three (3) Charged officers viz., 1) Sri I.V.Ramana, formerly AEE, PIU Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam District 2) Sri B.Ravi Kumar, formerly DEE (PIU) Pedabayalu, Visakhapatnam District & 3) Sri S.Randev, formerly EE (I/c.), Paderu, Visakhapatnam District – Written Statement of defences submitted – Inquiry Officer appointed – Inquiry report received – Charges not proved – Further action dropped – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 219 **Dated: 28-03-2025**
Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.241, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.03.2016.
2. G.O.Rt.No.242, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.03.2016.
3. G.O.Rt.No.243, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.08.03.2016.
4. Lr.No.Vig-I(I)/579/2015, dt.14.04.2019 of ENC, PR, AP.
5. Lr.No.Vig-I(I)/579/2015, dt.12.06.2019 of ENC, PR, AP.
6. G.O.Rt.No.695, PR&RD (Vig.I) Dept., dt.07.11.2019.
7. Letter Rc.No.C/1569/2018/A4, dt.28.08.2021 of Superintending Engineer, PR, Visakhapatnam & Inquiry Officer.
8. Govt.Memo No.9324/Vig.I/2015, dt.21.12.2022.
9. Explanations, dt.30.12.2022 of Sri I.V.Ramana, AEE (PR); (2) Sri B.Ravi Kumar, Dy.EE (PR) and (3) Sri S.Ranadev, Dy.EE(PR)(Retd).

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ORDER:-

Whereas, in the reference 1st to 3rd read above, on the proposal of ENC, PR, the Govt. has framed the Articles of Charges on the following three (3) Charged Officers on the allegations of misusing their official position and showed negligence in performing their legitimate duties in preparation of DPR for the work, "providing BT to the road from Kinchumanda Road to Pynampadu of Ananthagiri Mandal of Visakhapatnam District".

1.Sri I.V.Ramana, formerly AEE, PIU, Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam District.
2.Sri B.Ravi Kumar, formerly DEE, PIU, Pedabayalu, Visakhapatnam District.
3.Sri S.Randev, formerly EE (I/c.) PR, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District.

2. In the letters 4th and 5th read above, the Engineer-In-Chief, PR, AP has furnished the Written Statement of Defense, dt.05.03.2019 of Sri B.Ravi Kumar, formerly DEE (PIU), Pedabayalu, Visakhapatnam District and Written Statement of Defense, dt.18.04.2019 of Sri I.V.Ramana, formerly AEE, PIU, Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam District respectively. The Charged Officer (3) has not submitted his Written Statement of Defense.

3. After examination of the matter, Government have decided that the Charged Officer-3 has no explanation to offer, since stipulated time of (10) days has been elapsed and decided to conduct inquiry against all the (3) Charged Officers indicated under para (1) above.

4. Accordingly, in the reference 6th read above, Govt. have appointed the Superintending Engineer, PR, Visakhapatnam as Inquiring Authority under Rule 20(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to inquire into the charges

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framed against all the (3) Charged Officers indicated under Para (1) above and directed to submit his report in this regard. Govt. have also appointed the Executive Engineer, PR, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiring Authority on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority under Rule 20(5)(c) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

5. In the reference 7th read above, the Superintending Engineer, PR, Visakhapatnam & Inquiring Authority has submitted his inquiry report, wherein he has mentioned that the charges framed against all the three (3) Charged officers are held as not proved. After examination of the inquiry report, the inquiry report was communicated to all the above three (3) Charged Officers with a direction to submit their representations, if any, within the stipulated time as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 vide reference 8th read above. In the reference 9th read above, all the three (3) COs have submitted their explanations and requested the Government to consider the findings of Inquiry Authority and drop further action.

6. Govt. after careful examination of the matter, have decided to drop further action against all the three (3) Charged Officers viz., 1) Sri I.V.Ramana, formerly AEE, PIU, Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam District, 2) Sri B.Ravi Kumar, formerly DEE, PIU, Pedabayalu, Visakhapatnam District & Sri S.Randev, formerly EE (I/c.), PR, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District as the charges framed against them are held as not proved in regular inquiry.

7. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against all the three (3) Charged Officers viz., 1) Sri I.V.Ramana, formerly AEE, PIU, Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam District, 2) Sri B.Ravi Kumar, formerly DEE, PIU, Pedabayalu, Visakhapatnam District & Sri S.Randev, formerly EE (I/c.), PR, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District, as the charges framed against them are held as not proved in the regular inquiry.

8. The Engineer–in-Chief, PR, AP, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri I.V.Ramana, formerly AEE, PIU, Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam District **through** the ENC-PR, AP, Vijayawada.
Sri B.Ravi Kumar, formerly DEE, PIU, Pedabayalu, Visakhapatnam District **through** the ENC-PR, AP, Vijayawada.
Sri S.Randev, formerly EE (I/c.), PR, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District **through** the ENC-PR, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, PR, AP, Vijayawada, with a request to serve the orders on all the three (3) Charged Officers and furnish dated acknowledgements to the Government.
Copy to:-
The Secretary to AP Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The OSD to Hon'ble Dy.CM (PR&RD, RWS&S, EFS&T)
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Dept.,
SF/SC.

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